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AN ANGEL Frees Peter From Jail

Acts 12:1-18



Instructions: Give your child a cotton swab and a small amount of lemon juice. Have your child draw an angel on the paper using the cotton swab dipped in lemon juice. After the picture has dried, help your child hold the paper close to a 100-watt light bulb for about one minute, and watch the angel appear. Remind your child that God sends angels to help us. (For additional classroom instructions, see the Teacher Guide.)

Make "stained glass" angel cookies with your child this week.



Start by making your favorite sugar cookie recipe. Help your child roll out the dough, and then use a knife to cut large squares in the dough. Use an angel-shaped cookie cutter to cut angel shapes inside the squares. Remove the angel cookies from the center of the squares, and place them on a nonstick or greased cookie sheet. Then carefully use a spatula to place the angel-shaped "frames" on another greased cookie sheet. Have your child put several pieces of hard candy of various colors in the center of each frame. Bake the cookies until they're golden brown and the candy has melted, and then let the cookies cool. The melted candy will give a beautiful stained-glass effect. And as a bonus, you'll have the other angel-shaped cookies to eat, too! Talk with your child about the following questions as you enjoy your cookies, and remind your child that God sends his angels to help us.

ASK 🌀 How did the melted candy surprise you when it came out of the oven?

🌀 How does God use his angels to surprise us with good things?

Daily Challenge

Today kids committed to one of the following Daily

Challenges. Help your child weave faith into life this week and follow through on his or her challenge! (Have kids circle their choice below.)

- 🌀 Ask your mom or dad to take you on a walk to a place you've never been before. Pray together before you go, asking God's angels to protect you on your walk.
- 🌀 Help your mom or dad set the table for dinner, and then thank God for giving you angels to help you!
- 🌀 Say a prayer for each of your family members, and then remind them that God's angels are there to help them!



What I Learned Today...

Bible Story: This week's Bible story (Acts 12:1-18) tells us that God's angels help us. Your child learned that King Herod was arresting Christians and throwing them into jail or killing them. But, although Peter undoubtedly knew he was in danger, he continued to tell others about Jesus. Soon Peter was arrested, locked up in a jail cell, and guarded by many soldiers. God's people prayed for Peter. The night before Peter was supposed to go to trial, Peter was sleeping chained up between two soldiers.

Suddenly an angel appeared, and a bright light shone in the cell. The angel touched Peter on the side, woke him up, and said, "Peter, get up! Put on your clothes and sandals and follow me." The chains fell away, and Peter followed the angel out of the prison. God hears our prayers, and God sends his angels to keep us safe.

Key Verse: "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31a).

Look through a child's picture Bible, and read stories about angels to your child.

You might want to read the following Bible stories:

An Angel Stops Balaam (Numbers 22:21-35)

An Angel Brings Food to Elijah (1 Kings 19:3-9)

An Angel Closes the Lions' Mouths (Daniel 6:16-23)

An Angel Foretells Jesus' Birth (Luke 1:26-38)

An Angel Says That Jesus Has Risen (Matthew 28:1-7)

ASK 🌀 How did God use the angel in the Bible story we read?

🌀 What did you like about the angel in the story?

🌀 How do you feel knowing that God sends his angels to help you?

If you are looking for a book to help you answer some of the difficult questions your child might ask, check out *104 Questions Children Ask About Heaven and Angels*, edited by Daryl Lucas.